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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH BEGIN

DUTY OFFICER DELIVER TO AMBASSADOR 0700 NOVEMBER 10

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HABIB EXPECTS TO GO OVER SAME GROUND WITH DINITZ NEXT DAY
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TEXT OF WORKING PAPER AND URGED THAT THEY ACCEPT IT AS A BASIS FOR RECONVENING THE CONFERENCE.

-- RESPONSES WE RECEIVED UNDERScoreD DIFFICULTY OF GETTING AGREEMENT ON TEXT THAT WOULD PIN DOWN ALL OUTSTANDING PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS. AS GOI HAS BEEN ABLE TO SURMISE, AS WELL AS FROM INFORMATION WE HAVE ALREADY GIVEN THEM, THERE ARE DIFFERENCES NOT ONLY BETWEEN ARABS AND ISRAEL BUT AMONG ARABS THEMSELVES. PROBLEM OF GAINING ARAB ACCEPTANCE OF WORKING PAPER TEXT HAS BEEN COMPOUNDED BY FACT IT WAS MADE PUBLIC BY ISRAEL AND WAS PUBLICLY IDENTIFIED AS ISRAELI/AMERICAN PAPER.

-- NONETHELESS, WE HAVE IMPRESSION THAT GAP BETWEEN ARAB PARTIES THEMSELVES AND BETWEEN THEM AND ISRAEL IS NOT INSURMOUNTABLE AND THAT AGREEMENT CAN BE REACHED ON PROCEDURES FOR CONVENING GENEVA. ALL AGREE THERE SHOULD BE A UNITED ARAB DELEGATION, THAT THERE SHOULD BE BOTH BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL WORKING GROUPS. AND THAT PALESTINIANS SHOULD BE REPRESENTED AT GENEVA. DIFFICULTY LIES IN GETTING EVERYBODY TO SIGN ON THE SINGLE TEXT WHICH WOULD SPELL EVERYTHING OUT. WE ARE TRYING TO EXPLORE WITH ARABS WAYS IN WHICH WE MIGHT GET AROUND THIS OBSTACLE.

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